three-year leave for studying post-graduation provided they will work for next five years after passing from the post-graduate degree, and, if not that provision, whether Government itself could make a second provision. The Government would sponsor the candidate and may, during the three-year period of post-graduate course, make it on-pay roll. So, these are the things that again we have sent to DOPT and we will examine them. Meanwhile a Committee under former Health Secretary, Mr. Chaudhary, has been formed to have more of the recommendations because this is not only a problem of existing doctors for the post-graduation, but we have a problem of doctors leaving the services and going away to foreign countries or other services. So, a comprehensive recommendation has been required from the Ministry and the Committee has been formed and the Committee would submit its recommendations soon. Once, the recommendations are submitted, we will take all steps to give more incentives to doctors to remain in the services.

PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Sir, my second supplementary is: post-graduation for doctors should not be equated with post-graduation in other fields because doctors are dealing with our lives. Therefore, I would like to know whether the Minister would take up this matter again and ensure that doctors are given leave required for studies.

DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS: Definitely, Sir. I am very concerned about this issue. I will definitely take up this issue with the Department of Personnel and Training at personal level.

PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Sir, I express my thanks to the Minister for the good answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Facilities with CWC to store gold

*445. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) is setting up facilities to store gold at its warehouses across the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CWC will set up vaults at their godowns where the farmers can deposit their gold; and

(c) if so, the reasons for this sudden interest?

THE MINISTER OFAGRICULTUREAND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The CWC is planning to set up requisite facilities to store gold at its warehouses on receipt of specific proposals. At present there is no such proposal.

(c) Besides foodgrains, CWC has got mandate to store Notified Commodities including Metals. A statement is enclosed.

Statement

List of Notified Commodities to be stored by the Central Warehousing Corporation

(as notified on October, 31 1,971)

1. Drugs and Pharmaceuticals
2. Inorganic heavy chemicals
3. Organic heavy chemicals
4. Fine Chemicals including photographic chemicals
5. Synthetic resins and plastics
6. Paints, varnishes and enamels
7. Synthetic rubbers
8. Man-made fibres
9. Coke oven by products
10. Coal tar distillation products
11. Textile auxiliaries
12. Sizing materials including starch
13. Miscellaneous chemicals
14. Soaps
15. Toilet preparations
16. Ferro-alloys

17. Iron and steel pipes
18. Other products of iron and steel
19. Non-ferrous metals and alloys
20. Plywood
21. Matches
22. Miscellaneous (furniture components, bobbing shuttles and the like)
23. Electrical motors
24. Electrical Fans
25. X-Ray equipment
26. House hold appliances such as electric irons, heaters and the like
27. Dry cells
28. Plastic moulded goods
29. Hand tools, small tools and the like
30. Scientific instruments
31. Asbestos cement
32. Coal lignite, coke and their derivatives
33. Tyres and tubes
34. Surgical and medical products
35. Other rubber goods
36. Grinding wheels and abrasives
37. Bicycles (their component parts and accessories)
38. Machine tools
39. Power driven pumps reciprocation centrifugal and the like
40. Glue and gelatin
41. Sanitary wares
42. Tiles
43. Chinaware and pottery
44. Refractories
45. Fire bricks
46. Textile machinery including textile accessories

47. Jute Machinery
48. Rayon Machinery
49. Sugar Machinery
50. Tea Machinery

51. Mining Machinery
52. Metallurgical Machinery
53. Cement Machinery
54. Chemical Machinery
55. Pharmaceuticals Machinery
56. Paper Machinery

Iron ore reserves

*450. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mineable reserve of iron ore in the country is much less than many other iron ore producing countries; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that our country was the biggest exporter of iron ore in the world during the last decade?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) As per Mineral Commodity Summaries, published in January 2005 by the U.S. Geological Survey, India has the 8th largest reserves of crude ore in the world, after Ukraine, Russia, China, Brazil, Australia, Kazakhstan and the United States. U.S. Geological Survey defines reserves as that part of the reserve base which can be economically extracted or produced and hence it corresponds to mineable reserves.

(b) No, Sir.

Debt-burden on farmer households in Punjab

*451. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average outstanding loan per farmer household is the highest in Punjab as compared to other States, as per the survey conducted recently by the National Sample Survey Organization; and